Domari Romani in Lebanon



he Romani people have long been known for their abilities as musicians, singers and dancers. Today, there are some Romani communities in Lebanon. Some also live in the cities and have become an integral part of urban life while others live nomadic lifestyles. Justice, fidelity and morality are all very significant in Romani society, as well as values such as courtesy and friendliness. They speak a dialect of the Romany language called Domari, which is related to the North Indo-Arvan branch of languages of India and contains many Arabic words.

Obstacles

Though there are a growing number of Romani Christian believers, a Muslim majority remains. If Christ followers unite behind Jesus, they stand a good chance of influencing Muslims who admire Jesus but don't understand he is the only way to reconciliation with God.

Outreach Ideas

Outreach must build and expand on the church that already exists among the Romani. Further distribution of the Bible and other educational materials could be helpful in spreading the message.



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POPULATION: 4,400

LANGUAGE: Domari

RELIGION: Islam

BIBLE: Portions

STATUS: Unreached

Prayer Focus

The quality of healthcare, nutrition, housing and education is poor. Pray that the church would exist as a positive presence in their communities. Pray for the Domari Romani to seek and find the one who is the truth.

SCRIPTURE And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (Revelation 5:8-9)

PRAY Praise the Lord that your prayers for the nations are as incense to him!